

of international protection by considering accessions to relevant instruments for the benefit of refugees, the effective implementation of these instruments and the scrupulous observance of humanitarian principles with respect to the granting of asylum and the *non-refoulement* of refugees;

7. *Commends* the increasing number of contributors to the High Commissioner's programmes and, emphasizing the need for a wider sharing of the financial burden, calls upon Governments to provide him with necessary funds to attain the objectives of his humanitarian programme.

*63rd plenary meeting
29 November 1978*

33/47. National experience in promoting the co-operative movement

The General Assembly,

Recalling its resolutions 2459 (XXIII) of 20 December 1968, 3273 (XXIX) of 10 December 1974 and 31/37 of 30 November 1976, and Economic and Social Council resolution 1668 (LII) of 1 June 1972,

Bearing in mind that the establishment and growth of co-operatives is one of the important instruments for the full economic, social and cultural development of all members of society,

Recognizing the necessity of training and educational programmes at various levels for the growth, diversification and professionalization of the management of co-operatives,

1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on national experience in promoting the co-operative movement;²²

2. *Reiterates* the necessity of an international exchange of experience as a contribution to the growth and diversification of the co-operative movement;

3. *Stresses* the role of co-operatives in the development of weaker sections of the community and in over-all social and economic advancement, particularly in developing countries;

4. *Recognizes* that co-operatives are an important means of increasing employment opportunities for women and integrating them, as active members of society, into the development process;

5. *Stresses also* the important social role of co-operatives in involving people at the grass-roots level in the planning and decision-making which affect their daily lives;

6. *Invites* Member States, relevant specialized agencies and other United Nations organs to pay special attention to the training and education aspects of the co-operative movement at the local, national and international levels;

7. *Also invites* Member States, relevant specialized agencies and other United Nations organs to submit follow-up reports on their experience in promoting the co-operative movement, referring especially to the participation of women in the co-operative movement and to the role of co-operatives in achieving over-all social and economic development;

²² E/1978/15 and Corr.2.

8. *Invites* those Member States which have not already done so to submit reports on national experience in promoting the co-operative movement;

9. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its thirty-sixth session, through the Economic and Social Council, a follow-up report on national experience in promoting the co-operative movement, referring especially to the participation of women in the co-operative movement and to the role of co-operatives in achieving over-all social and economic development, based on data already available and on additional contributions from Member States and relevant specialized agencies;

10. *Decides* to include in the provisional agenda of its thirty-sixth session the item entitled "National experience in achieving far-reaching social and economic changes for the purpose of social progress" and to consider under this item the follow-up report of the Secretary-General on national experience in promoting the co-operative movement.

*84th plenary meeting
14 December 1978*

33/48. World social development

The General Assembly,

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Recalling its resolutions 2542 (XXIV) of 11 December 1969 containing the Declaration on Social Progress and Development and 2771 (XXVI) of 22 November 1971 and 31/84 of 13 December 1976 on the world social situation,

Recalling also its resolutions 2626 (XXV) of 24 October 1970 containing the International Development Strategy for the Second United Nations Development Decade, 3201 (S-VI) and 3202 (S-VI) of 1 May 1974 containing the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order, 3281 (XXIX) of 12 December 1974 containing the Charter of Economic Rights and Duties of States and 3362 (S-VII) of 16 September 1975 on development and international economic co-operation,

Convinced that the improvement of the living conditions of peoples, particularly in the developing countries, depends on their rapid economic and social progress,

Considering, however, that the desired pace of socio-economic progress in the developing countries is hindered because of the magnitude of their economic difficulties arising from the unjust international economic order which has existed hitherto,

Considering also that the world socio-economic situation is characterized by the deterioration of the economic situation in the developing countries and the continually widening gap between the developing countries and the developed countries,

Considering further that the objective of increasing the real national income of the developing countries and their social progress necessitates far-reaching changes in the structure of the existing world economic system as provided in the Declaration and the Programme of Action on the Establishment of a New International Economic Order,